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Nomination of members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The attention of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is drawn to a matter concerning the composition of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, requiring action on the part of the Commission and the Economic and Social Council. The terms of two original members of the Board, namely Simone Rosez (France) and Sushil Varma (India), who were appointed on 26 November 1994 for a five-year term, expire on 26 November 1999, while a third member, Jan van Dijk (Netherlands), who was appointed on 17 November 1995, has resigned.

2. According to article IV of the statute of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, annexed to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56:

> "2. The Board shall be composed of the following:
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> (a) Seven members selected by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control upon nomination by the Secretary-General and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council, with due regard to the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions and to the principle of equitable geographic distribution. The members shall be chosen from among eminent persons who possess the necessary qualifications and expertise. They shall serve in their individual

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capacity for a term of five years from the date of the first Board meeting in which they are invited to participate. They shall be eligible for reappointment by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control with the endorsement of the Economic and Social Council for not more than one additional term ... "

3. According to the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat, the Commission has succeeded to the functions and powers of the former Committee on Crime Prevention and Control in this and in other matters.

4. The following four candidates are proposed:

Ann-Marie Begler (Sweden)
Kumaravelu Chockalingam (India)
Philippe Melchior (France)
Jeremy Travis (United States of America)

5. This proposal takes into account the principle of equitable geographic distribution in the composition of the Board. The current Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute is composed of:

Adedoku A. Adeyemi (Nigeria)
Karoly Bard (Hungary)
Setsuo Miyazawa (Japan)
Alejandro Reyes Posada (Colombia)
Simone Rosez (France)
Jan van Dijk (Netherlands)
Sushil Varma (India)

6. Background information on all candidates is provided in the annex to the present document.

Annex

Background information on candidates nominated to fill positions on the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

Philippe Melchior (France)

Born on 11 June 1944, Philippe Melchior, a graduate from the École nationale d'administration (ENA) (French National School for Administration) in 1970, was appointed Deputy Inspector of the Inspection générale de l'administration (Inspectorate of Public Administration) in 1972.

He was posted in 1976 as Sous-préfet of Marseilles and was in charge of security questions for the Alpes-Maritimes region (1970-1981).

He was posted as Secretary-General for the Préfecture of the Côtes-du-Nord region (1981), and then as General Manager of the Regional Public Establishment of the Picardie region (1982) and Secretary-General of the Préfecture of the Yvelines region.

He became Inspecteur général de l'administration in 1986. As Inspector, he was in charge of accounting services and evaluating public policies in the whole field of French administration. He became Chairman and General Director of SOFREMI, a mixed public-private company selling engineering equipment and associated training abroad (1988).

On 12 November 1997, Philippe Melchior was appointed Head of the Institute of Higher Studies on Internal Security (IHESI) and has held the office since then.

IHESI is a public institute specialized in the following areas: training of high-level civil servants, judges, members of parliament, local authorities and high-level private managers; research on security questions; and engineering for technical assistance in the field of security.

Ann-Marie Begler (Sweden)

Ann-Marie Begler was born in 1954. She is a trained social worker and graduated, in 1979, from the School of Social Studies. She then worked as a social welfare secretary for the City of Stockholm until 1985. From 1985 to 1989, she worked in the Executive Office of the City of Stockholm. During 1989, she was first secretary of the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs.

From 1991to1997, she worked at the National Board of Health and Welfare, from March 1995 as Deputy Director-General. In November 1997, she was appointed Director-General of the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention.

Ann-Marie Begler is the Deputy Chairman of the Swedish Alcohol Retailing Monopoly. She is also a member of the boards of the National Board for Youth Affairs and the National Financial Management Authority.

Kumnravelu Chockalingam (India)

Kumnravelu Chockalingam, M.A., M.Litt., M.L., Ph.D., Dip. in German, Fellow of the Indian Society of Criminology (F.I.S.C.), has some 30 years of teaching and research experience in the field of criminology, with a specialization in victimology and human rights.

From 1978 to 1983, he worked as a Lecturer for the National Institute of Social Defence, Government of India. He is currently Professor and Head of the Department of Criminology, University of Madras. In 1995, he was elected to serve as member of the Syndicate of the University for three years, and was actively involved in the policy-making and administration of the University.

Professor Chockalingam has been awarded various fellowships and awards in recognition of his contribution to criminology, victimology and social defence in India. He has also founded, or been an active life member of, many scientific organizations.

He has been a life member of the World Society of Victimology since 1985 and a member of its Executive Committee, serving from 1991 to 2000. In 1992, he established the Indian Society of Victimology and acted as its President until 1998.